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SUBJ: SOVIET CONSUL PAVEL V. KOMIN

1. THAI CONSUL GENERAL IN CALCUTTA TELLS US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT PAVEL V. KOMIN AS SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN BANGKOK. KOMIN HAS BEEN THE NUMBER TWO RANKING OFFICER AT THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL HERE FOR SOME YEARS PAST, WITH TITLE OF CONSUL. THAI CG SAID HIS GOVT BELIEVES KOMIN IS THE SENIOR KGB OFFICER IN CALCUTTA.

2. COMMENT: GOSSIP IN CONSULAR COMMUNITY HERE HAS TAGGED KOMIN AS THE KGB STATION CHIEF BUT WE KNOW OF NO REAL BASIS FOR THIS. MAIN REASON FOR THIS SEEMS TO BE HIS APPEARANCE; HE IS HEAVY SET AND A LITTLE WILD LOOKING, AND ON FIRST ENCOUNTER STRIKES ONE AS THE IMAGE OF AN AGED THUG. HOWEVER, ON FURTHER ACQUAINTANCE WE HAVE FOUND HIM FRIENDLY AND EVEN JOVIAL, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHERS IN SOVIET CONSULATE AND TRADE MISSION HERE WHOM WE WOULD MORE LIKELY MARK AS KGB. ACCORDING TO OUR FILES KOMIN IS 65, SO HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE HIS LAST.

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